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MAY REPEAT OLD MAID'S CONVENTION

An intrepid maid joined the square for a repetition of her performance "The Old Maid's Convention" that it may not be forgotten.

Business people who saw the production were unanimous in their opinion that the fan producer the play surprised and was in the amateur theatrical line yet produced in this town.

The scene of the play was laid right in Bassano and scenes were introduced along with legal lines of the entire play according to fancy. The introduction of the dog "Scuties" into the magic machine and his transformation was a decided hit. Every one in attendance more than excelled his or herself and hence the success of the play.

The Old Maid's Convention was in full swing when the play opened and it was soon over. One of the girls in the cast had something witty to introduce. After this the foreign individual, Prof. Maker news (Mr. Stevens) made his appearance and introduced his machine which possessed the power of transforming the person who passed through it into anything or any form they desired. Then began the fun. Mrs. Golden went in and Mrs. Fattie come out in a wavy wavy skirt. Mrs. Morelock's transformation was so complete brought out Mr. A. W. Haines to the amazement of all. Mrs. Campbell emerged as a piano player when Miss Wheeler went into the machine. The next to come out was a man who took the place of Miss Wyatt and took advantage of the occasion to deliver a speech. He was attired as a preacher.

Mr. Buckingham's turn came next and a really farce was the comedy of forces. When Mrs. Miss McCarter's transformation brought out a man son to Harry Lander. Gavrila Barrie also left the stage. The play was cut after

Miss J. MacEachern was introduced into a Dumbkin personified by Lou Owen. Janie and Goo Fayers were

the twins after Miss Myrtle Gillis passed through the professor's magic machine. Then came Mrs. Robinson and a Scotlander Harry Lander Mr. Robertson appeared. Afterwards Mary McLean was introduced into Miss Gillis' machine.

The curtain fell at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Golden—Vera Mae Hagan

Miss Wheeler—Roberta Barnes

Miss Fattie—Mabeline Smith

Miss George—Bellinda Biles

Mr. McCarter—Minta Shorey Oldie

Mr. Morelock—Franklin Miller

Mr. Campbell—Samuel Odellie

Mr. Lander—John Hunter

Mr. Robertson—John Hunter

Mr. Gillis—John Hunter

A Gentleman From Mississippi

By Thomas A. Wise
Hornblow Farm Play
by Frederick R. Tamm

Garrison, 1906, by Thomas A. Wise

(Continued.)

He advanced quickly around the table, his left arm just before his right, and his lover gathered his arms.

"Hope, my dear! You are my own," he said. "I could say no less or have given him a tip that he had refused to him."

Hope released herself from his embrace.

"I love you, I love you," she said fondly. "I believe in you, and father must too. You've got to straighten this tangle now, and see him home as well as your father. Father will later."

"It's all so strange; so wonderful. I can hardly understand it," began Haines slowly as he held the girl's hands.

Unknown to both, the door leading from the study opened, and Senator Langdon into the lower end of the room. Surprised at the sight of the couple, so seriously intent on each other, he stood silent, a look of anger, then, apparently changing his mind, advanced toward them.

"I believe you want to see him," he said to Haines. "I hope you'll be brief. I have very little time to spare from my guests."

Hope turned, flushed at the interruption. The man nervously stepped forward.

"I shall take much of your time, Senator Langdon," he said. "There has been a misunderstanding, a terrible mistake. I am sure I can convince you."

Senator Langdon hesitated doubtfully, half turned toward Carolines. Randolph and Norton, who had followed him.

Hope pressed her father's arm and looked up into his face entreatingly. Randolph, observing that quickly enough, closed his eyes and said, "I can settle with this Mr. Haines for you."

"We are on our side," the senator finally spoke.

"I reckon there's been too many attending to my business and settling to me. I'm not going to let you think for a change I'll settle a few of my own. All off you children go off and leave me here with Mr. —"

the lines

at the word, his body seemed to mentally vowed that he would return him to his wife if it cost him his life. Hope had informed him only too accurately, he now realized. Little did he know about her to hear him give his son the severest shocks of his life.

"They told me you weren't running away with Carolines," he said. "Now, neither one of us has been crooked, but surely she has been, and this was the plan to keep her secret."

"Haines told me you were speculating in Alcatroza lands," said Langdon. "And you're right."

The senator's face grew very serious. "But my—my—wife," said Carolines, looking at Norton's eyes.

Haines had faced the most difficult part of his interview. He hardly knew how to answer. His manhood relented now toward the woman. She was a man, she reflected at the thought of raising a father's faith in his daughter. She was the man he most admired, a man for whom he had genuine, deep rooted respect.

"I have to tell you, sir," he said in a low, uncertain voice. "That it was your daughter, Carolines, who made her life like this. She only stole you and vouches for her own husband."

Langdon started back again. He had known that his wife would speak the truth. Then his white head sank pathetically. Tears welled up in the eyes of the child, and his misery of spirit drew him down from a chair, sobbing convulsively, broken in spirit and wearied in body.

At length Haines spoke to his stricken wife.

"I know it hurts," he said. "It hurts me to have to say it. I don't believe it until I see it. I don't believe it until I see the extent of Norton, but then you must do something."

Langdon came to his feet, mopping his cheeks, and then sat down again, his weakness in him now. Yes, he was a man. He would go after the thieves that had taken his wife, his wife, his blood against him and his

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A dance will be held at the dam on Saturday night.

Two carloads of lumber for the new school reached town this week.

M. C. Seckrider, contractor of Medicine Hat, was in town this week.

H. Walker of the Bow U ranch left for the coast.

Geo. Gow of Brooks was in town this week.

S. V. Ross of Gladstone was a visitor to Bassano.

F. Field of Fieldhouse spent a day or so in Bassano during the week.

H. W. Dyson, of the Red Deer River, was in town.

J. D. Shad of Dorothy was a Bassano visitor this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Brumley of Crawfords Valley were in town this week.

J. Kishimoto, of Hand Hills, paid a visit to Bassano during the week.

William Tinker, of Medicine Hat, a Bassano resident, was in town this week.

Hugh O'Donnell of Nanton was a visitor to town this week.

Dr. Creighton was in from the north country on Wednesday. He has the prospect for a good crop forecasted.

Joe Wright, manager of the Crown Lumber Co., spent two days in town.

W. M. Smith of Seattle, plumber and hardware merchant, is known and will visit us in business here.

Tom Weston and family arrived from the East and left for their home in the Red Deer River district.

G. E. Allen, of the Bank of Commerce, and Dan Irvin of Gallagher's store, spent Sunday in Calgary.

Mrs. Currie Love, of Calgary, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Pitkin over Sunday.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Quigley died on Thursday, April 10. The deceased parents will have the sympathy of the townspeople.

A. L. Bruni, 4th Ave., is holding sales of household effects this week. This includes piano, bedroom suites, tables, chairs etc.

Don't forget the viptel meetings at Prince's Hall every Saturday night at 10 o'clock and Sunday eve at 4 o'clock. The meetings are free to all spectators, recalcitrant bellowers sanctified, undemocratic. Everybody gets a good time.

R. C. Fogler, who visited Medicine Hat last week, declares that the people of the flat are taking a lively interest in the purchase of Bassano. This town is bound to go forward in leaps and bounds; they who are not interested in such matters.

The May Pole dance held on Monday night in Prince's Hall was a pleasant affair. Prof. Watkins' Calgary orchestra supplied excellent music and solo were also given by members of the orchestra. The dancing was good throughout the town attended by goodly numbers.

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